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said amount corresponding to an entitlement of said subscriber to receive and/or unscramble a particular content;

said module is adapted to store transaction data in said protected local storage, said transaction data comprising said entitlement and said amount;

said module is adapted to protect said transaction data against unauthorized access; and

said module is adapted to enable said entitlement locally, and send on demand said transaction data to a content provider via said remote communication channel .

2. A system according to claim 1, wherein:

said electronic purse card comprises prepaid value points stored on a value register in said protected local storage, said amount corresponding to multiple value points, wherein said module is adapted to deduct said multiple value points from said prepaid value points, store said debit on said value register, and send said multiple points to said content provider.

3. A system according to claim 2, wherein:

said electronic purse card is adapted to remain in said module as long as prepaid value points are available on said value register.

4. A system according to claim 1, wherein:

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said module is a conditional access module adapted to conditional access and merchant security.

5. A system according to claim 4, wherein:

said conditional access module is a PCMCIA form factor card.

6. A system according to claims 4, wherein:

said conditional access module comprises a smartcard reader.

7. A system according to claim 1, further comprising:

an interface device comprising said module, wherein said interface device connects a user terminal and a broadcast channel.

8. A system according to claim 1, wherein:

said module comprises a software module adapted to merchant security.

9. A system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a subscriber card comprising a software module adapted to merchant security.

10. A system according to claim 1, wherein:

said electronic purchase card comprises a software module adapted to merchant security.

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A system according to claim 1, wherein:

said protected local storage comprises separate address spaces, said separate address spaces adapted to access by different contact providers.

12. A system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a license certificate comprising at least one data chosen from:

a datagram derived from an entitlement management message, said message received from said content provider;

a certificate of payment derived from said transaction data;

a subscriber number; and

a unique code, said unique code derived as a function of said datagram and said subscriber number.

13. A system according to claim 12, further comprising:

a file comprising said content.

14. A system according to claim 13, wherein:

said file further comprises said license certificate.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending. Claims 1-14 have been amended and have been filed in a timely fashion. Applicant requests the Examiner to enter this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of the application.